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ranging from a few days to several years, and which in its solid  
state is a mechanically strong plastic or rubbery material, and  
- a bioactive component, which is a bioactive glass or a  
bioactive xerogel,

such that the plasticized thermoplastic component remains moldable  
for a certain period even after the temperature of the composite  
has been lowered to a temperature which is considerably lower than  
the setting temperature of said thermoplastic component.

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